

The 13. of August 1623.

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PRINCE
WHICH ADVISES VS.
THE TAKING OF
STEEN BARON.

AND

The Besieging of Bergen up Zoom, with all
the Circumstances of the Parleyes, Assaults, Salles,
and all what is done untill this time,
*as well by the Spanish Camps, as
the States Garrisons.*

And Relates all the late Newes of Europe.

And principally all the late Proceedings
of the Prince PALATINE, the Count
MANSELD, the Duke of BRUNSVICK,
and the Marquis of BADEN; Besides,
*all the late Warre like actions in
Switzerland; the Gylsons;
and Low Countries.*

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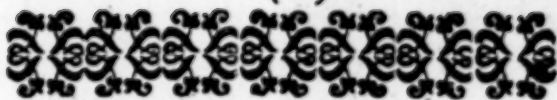
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Steen-Bergh, and the besieging of
Berghen up Zoom.



Some few dayes agoe
the Marquis *Spinola*
sent certaine Compa-
nies towards *Mastricht*
to crosse there the Ri-
ver of the *Maye*, as if
they shoulde haue
marcht towards the *Rhine*, keeping never-
thelesse the greatest parts of his forces in
Brabant, as if they were to follow the other
but that was not his intent.

Satterday, Sunday, and Munday, there
was given order to goe towards *Maeseyck*,
onely to deceiue the forces of the *States*.

The rest past by *Brey*, and *Peer*, where-
upon followed the Garrisons of *Bilzen*,
Hasselt, *Fierck*, *Hall*, *Diest*, *Sichenan*, *Arfchot*, *Lo-*
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ven, Beringen, and Geell to the *Hooghe-Stræts*, where those of *Liere*, *Mecheſten*, and *Antwerpe* met likewise, which all ioyned, made a great Armie, and was provided with Artillery, Gun-powder, Leade, and certaine Boates vpon Waggon with all necessarie provisions, for an enterpriſe. In the meane time the *Marquis* with ſome few horſe poſted to *Weſell*, as if hee would haue ioyned with Count *Henry* of the *Bergh*, but hee returned preſently.

The Prince of *Orenge* vnderſtanding this gaue command that the *States* horſe in *Brabant*, ſhould ride to *Bommelerwaert*, and *Nimwegen*, little thinking what was the ſcope of the enemies. Whereupon certaine troops of horſe of the Garrifon of *Berghen vp Zoom*, being arrived at *Breda*, *Iuſtinus* of *Naffaw* Governour of *Breda*, having had ſome intelligence of the deſſeing of *Spinola*, perſwaded them to returne backe, and told them that he was ſure that *Spinola* had an enterpriſe vpon *Berghen vp Zoom*.

The Leaders after a little deliberation, conſcended all preſently to his adviſe, notwithstanding the command of the Prince
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of *Orange*. As soone as they were return'd in their Garrison, they vnderstood, that the Spanish Forces, twelue thousand strong, marched towards the Castle of *Wowe*: And vpon the 18. of Iuly, these of *Sleer berghen* perceived that their Towne was to be besieged, being vnawares, and vnprouided of many things necessary to sustaine a siege, seeing it is a place of no great importance. Monsieur *Borwater* Governour of the place, being a braue Souldier, was much discontented with this Newes, seeing he wanted both men and Munition, having but one peece of Ordinance in the Towne, and that vnserviceable, layd before the Hospitall without the appurtenances. It is certaine, that the Prince of *Orange* few dayes before the siege, sent thether a Gunner, and had given charge to a Commissioner to conuay thether fise or fix Cannons, but whatsoeuer the cause is, it was not performed: And the Women of the Towne much discontented with the sayd Commissioner, would haue cast him the aforesayd Munday (being the 18. of Iuly) into the water; the said day about noone

noone is the enemy come so neere to the Towne, that their voyces might be heard by the Garrison, and turn'd presently their Ordinance, and discharged the same against the Towne, not having made any Battery.

And having made a reasonable bigge breach in the walles with sixtie Cannon shot, the Inhabitants began to looke hea-
vie, the rather because they had not heard of late the noyse of such Heath Crickets. A few houres before, went a great number of women and children, crying and lamenting, out of the Towne; which was certainly a pittifull spectacle to beholde.

What concernes the cryes and laments heard by me, as well of those that were within as without *Tertolen*, the *C'lunder* and the *Plæt*. I will not speake of, they carry away all what they will not loofe.

I could more liuely Relate how they cry and lament, and wring their hands together, the one, for her husband, the other, for her childe, leaping in and out the boats (saying) that they will remayne, where flesh and bloud is lost, goods are not remem.

membered in such cases. In those places where these things happen, there is no disputing whether they be Papists, Protestants, or Arminians, but must ioyntly resist the invasion of the enemies.

On thursday the 19. of Iuly did the enemies send a Trumpet to the Towne, to aske whether they would Parley. That otherwise, his Forces standing readie in Battell array, should assault the towne where the breach was made. Declaring moreover, that they would not depart from thence before they had brought the Towne vnder the obedience of the King of Spaine.

The valiant Governour *Borwater*, with two Captaines, and the Gentlemen of their Companies, and some of the Magistrats of the place, resolved to keepe the Towne, vntill the last man, for the *States*. But they requested the Trumpet, that he would try whether the enemies would condescend to a cessation of Armes for few houres onely; wherevpon, he returned presently to *Don Lewis de Velasco*, and the Governour of *Antwoerpe*.

In the meane time, they sent some to looke whether they could not see (standing vpon the Steeple) any Shippes comming with ayde.

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But afterwards, seeing that the enemy divided his Forces in three severall Troopes, to assault the towne in divers places, and that they were not able to defend the same, seeing it had no Countrescarps, or Bulwarkes, but onely certaine round Towers of no strength. And likewise in consideration of the lamentations of women and Cittizens which had any thing to loose, they could not resolve almost what to doe. And to speake the truth, there was no other issue to be expected, then that the Souldiers, and armed Cittizens, should be slaine, as also all the rest, and all their goods pillaged, and made havock off.

At the same instant, the Trumpet being returned, told them that the enemy would not grant them as much as the space of an houre. But if they would surrender the Towne, they should have good conditions, and be well vfed, otherwise they must doe as the cause should require.

The Governour was vnwilling to yeeld, but most Voyces carryed away, and agreed vpon these following Conditions and Articles.

1. That all the Souldiers with their Armes and Armour, besides Baggage should depart, and be conducted with a safe Convoy.

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2. That the Townesmen should pay two thousand Gilders (which is 200.^{li} Sterling) to the Souldiers, to hinder their pillaging.

3. That all the Townesmen after the aforesaid money is payd, shall haue libertie to depart with their goods where they list.

4. That those that would remaine there, and liue according to their Lawes, Customes, and Ceremonies, they might, and should be vsed as other Inhabitants of the obeyfant Citties and Townes of *Brabant*.

Vpon these conditions is the Towne surrendered the aforesaid Munday before noone being the 19. of Iuly. The Governour had likewise leaue to conuay his goods away. Within the Towne were two Companies, an old and a new, both of *Alckmar*, & behaved themselves very valiantly.

At their departure there was a woman that philipping vpon her thumbe, told to some of the Souldiers, now you must forth and our friends shall come in.

This Towne was beset with 9. Companies, and one Captaine *Det* (who did lie in former time vpon the Castle of *Woue*, and is very skilfull in pillaging, wherefore the Countrey people of the *Climder*, *Stryen*, and the *Plaet* may looke to

themselves, being at the Land side he hath but a barren Heath) made Governour of the same.

At the Haven not farre from the Towne, is the Enemie rayling a Fort compelling both Cittizens and Souldiers to labour at it.

They haue likewise put their boats to the water, which they haue gotten thither by wagons, intending to trouble the Navigation betwixt *Holland* and *Sealand*. But our Mariners and Saylers wilbe very glad to meete with them.

As soone as the enemy had his garrison planted in the Towne, he sent his forces towards *Berghen* vp *Zoom*, but 2. Leagues from thence, the horse were conducted by *Don Lewis de Velasco*, and the foote by the Governour of *Antwerpe*, marching so in all hast to the sayd City, and being arrived there, planted their Ordinance not farre off, thinking to speede as they did at *Steen-berghen*, having notice that the Horse in garrison were abroad.

And towards the Evening they thought to surprise the horne-workes, or the great outworkes neere *Saint Quirin*; But the Governour *Rhyboven* did hid himselfe in the sayd outworks commanding the Ordinance and all things necessary to bee made readie against their approach. which being perceived, the Ordinance

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was presently displayd against them, and our foote went to meete them, crying, kill, kill, kill, and after the sound of the Trumpet, our horse likewise set vpon the Enemies, pursuing them in such maner vnto their Cannon, that a great slaughter was made amongst them, and if the garrison had beene well seconded and refreshed, they would haue carried it away, or otherwise nayled the same to make it vnserviseable: at our retreat the horse of the enemy prepared themselves to set vpon our garrison, but our Ordinance planted vpon the wals, caused both men and horses to cut capers in the ayre whereby there rose such an Alarum with crying and lamenting amongst them, that it seemed that every one was hurt that came neere them. In such maner they haue beene twise or thrise rescocerred, and if they like it well they may come againe

But they disliking much this danse, retyred presently a quarter of a myle, they tooke their men which were slaine along with them and rancked them in the sand, saying these feare no more the *Flamencos*. In the meane time those of the city spare no charges to fortifie themselves, having pierced likewise the Beare of the newe worke neare the Haven.

The Prince of *Orange* as soone as he was informed of these passages, sent thither on Thursday the valiant Collonel the Lord of *Fama* with a 100. smal ships loaden with armed souldiers, The next day, the Count *Iohn* of *Nassau*, sayled likewise with 100. small Ships to the sayd City, besides these, there are many ships and men arrived from *Zealand*, in such maner that the water seemed to be covered with Shippes and Boats.

Out of his Campe he dispatcht likewise certaine troops of horse (which tooke their way by *Huesden*, *Gertruyen*, *Bergh*, *Oosterbrut*, and *Breda*) to endamage the Enemy before *Berghen* aforesayd. To day we are advised that there be aboue 5000. souldiers in *Berghen* *up Zoom*, & that the Enemy hath lost 400.

The 19. of *Iuly*, there was brought in a Prise at *Rotterdam*, with 800. Chests of Sugar.

The taking in of the Towne of *Goch*, in the land of Cleue, by the Marquis *SPINOLA*.

ANno 1622. the 26. 27. and 28. of *Iuly*, is the Marquis *Spinola* accompanied with Count *Henry* of the *Bergh*, and some Forces, marcht from *Wezell* towards the East side of the *Rhine* downward

ward, as if he would haue attempted something against *Doeſburgh, Zutphen, or Deventer.*

The Prince of *Orange* well knowing his Stratagems, lookt about as well as he could. But *Spinola* having chosen a fit time for himſelfe, ſtayed all Paſſengers at that inſtant, and drew inſtantly out of the next Citties and Townes of *Clue*, a good part of the Garrifons with him, and ſet with the ſame vpon *Goch*. And having with his Ordinance beaten the Tyles from the houſes, ſo that they fell in the Street, which cauſing the Towneſmen to run more to their Cellers then Walls, he got the Towne by compoſition the 28. of *Iuly*, ſeeing the Garrifon was but 300 men ſtrong, and not able to reſiſt with their willing hearts, his violences and Forces.

From *Rome*, Laſt Sunday the Poſt (that was ſent by the Arch-Duke *Leopoldus* vnto the Pope requeſting his Holineſſe that whereas he had certaine Souldiers in pay in *Germany*, vnder the Commaund of *Don Pedro Alderbrandino*, it would pleaſe him to turne them over into his ſervice) hath beene diſpacht with this anſwere, that the Arch-Duke muſt ſue for the ſame purpoſe vnto the Emperour.

Laſt Wedneſday, the Ambaſſadour of the King of *Spaine*, did preſent a horſe, and a Letter
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of Exchange of 7000. Crownes for the feude or fealtie of the Kingdome of *Naples*, which were accepted by the Procurator of the Exchequer; with the accustomed & vsual protestatiō.

We heare from *Naples*, that the Galleons with Souldiers lately sayled towards *Spaine* are to be imployed against the Pirates: And that out of the sayd Kingdomes 400000. Crownes, and from *Sicilia* 150000. Crownes should be made over by Letters of Exchange in the *Low Countries*, towards the charges of the warre.

From *Messina*, they write that the Gallies of *Toscan* were arrived at *Reggio*, having fought with 15. Vessels of the Pyrats, and had made 250. of them slaues, and gotten 8. peeces of Ordinance from them, and one Ship loaden with Oyle, besides 100000. Crownes for a composition or ransome to saue their liues.

From *Venice*, Iuly 8. from *Turine* they advise that the Duke of *Savoy*, rayseth many forces in *France*, and other countries, having sent diuers Ingeniers to fortifie his Fortresses of *Asti*, *Vercelli*, and Saint *Germaine* and other places. Morcover he hath supplied the garrisons of *Asti*, and *Vercelli*, with 400. Souldiers. And that *Aldeibgera* hath an army in readines vpon the confines of *Savoy*, for his Highnes service.

Letters

Letters from *Milane* relate, that 180. cartes from thence were sent with munition to the *Veltolinas* to prouide the souldiers withall, seeing that great forces are to be sent thether against the *Grisons*. The souldiers which came with the Knight *Pleccio* from *Alsacia* are sent towards *Bormio*. The Spaniards which haue layne in *Cleue* are marcht vp towards *Millane*, hauing left there onely the Counte *Serbellione* with his regiment. And heere are leauied with all speed 11. trouppes of horse.

Last Thursday is the Knight *Simon Contarini* chosen by this *Signorie* Ambassador for *Constantinople* to congratulate the great Signor, who hath giuen two millions of gold to his Ianissaries, and increased their pension 3. aspers a day.

From *Brinoten* the 10. daie the Confederates haue besieged *Guttenborg* and discharge their ordinance against the same, doeing those of the Towne the like: besides they haue made a sconse neere *Vleschenberg* directly against the Towne to endamage the same, as likewise inuaded *Mantafan*, and as-

faulted the enemies in two assunder places, which causeth great feare & dearth in *Tirol*.

The Confederates at *Baden* haue vnder hand & seale reniewed their confederation with the *Graubuntens*, whereupon they care now litle for *Leopoldus* and other enemies. Likwise the 5. Catholike Cantons haue promised free passage to the Reformed, vpon condition that they shal bring certificates or passeports from their Magistrates or Commanders. And they themselves haue aduised the Protestantes to make no agreement with their enemies, but to go on with their enterprises, & to cleanse the countrie quit of them. When they haue taken *Engadin*, they intended to besiege *Velikercken*; they get daily great assistance of men, munition, & ordinance, from the Bunoters.

From *Prague* the 12. of Iuly. The 7. of this moneth is the Count of *Hogbenfoller* (being Ambass^r. of the Emp.) trauelled towards *Dresden* vnto the Duke & Elector of *Saxony*) and to other places of the Empire.

Yesterday the Commissioners went al this Citie ouer, to visit the armes of the Protestants

stants, and left them *only* their rapers & daggers, after they had inrolled them in their bookes, to what purpose, we know not yet.

From *Frankendall* the 12. day Counte *Mansfield* & Duke *Christian* of *Brunswick* are marche towards *Luthenborch* with an armie of 1100. horse and 25000. foote : and taking euerie where great contributions, and wee heare that they haue gotten 300000. Ryxdallers in *Alsatia* onely : and we looke what both the Imperiall armies will attempt. It is thought that they will passe ouer at *Sbrock* and march from thence to *Newstadt* and *Germerheim*.

All the forces by the Prince *Palatine* left in the *Palatinate* lie in garrison, the horse onely excepted of *Obertrout* and *Meganck* which keepe about the Mountain. There is a strong garrison in this Towne, being two trouppes of horse amongst them, we are likewise very well prouided with all kinde of ordinance.

The Fort commenced by the Schaperie of this Town is made alreadie defensible, and the workemen continue daily to worke at it. They say here that our Prince is gone towards *Sedan*, where the Duke of *Boullion* keeps his Court.

From *Francfort* the 21. Iulij, It is certaine that the Imperialists are retired from *Heydelbergh*. The English Ambassador laboureth hard to obtaine a truce, or a cessatiō of armes.

Here is rumored that the Spanish forces will laie an other bridge at *Stein* to passe ouer the *Rhine*. The meane time are the Spanish & *Bauarian* forces at *Worms* transported ouer the *Rhyne* with boates, but their baggage shalbe carried ouer the bridge at *Vppenheim*; and is like they will besidge *Franchendall*.

The Counte of *Anboul* marching with his forces toward *Alsatia* did seiourn 3. daies agoe at *Kerken* two leagues but distant from *Tourlach*, what his intentiō is we know not.

The Landtgraue *Lodewick* of *Darmstad* is retired vpon his fort *Russelsheim*, where he intends to abide for a time. Otherwise wee heare but litle of the souldiers, but that they sometime with halfe Companies goe pillaging, and in such manner was lately ranackt and pillaged the Castle of *Offenback* belonging to the Counte of *Isenburgh*.

The Spanish armie lies at this present at *Lempertshym*, and there comes newes that the
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Banarians haue fired *Khonow*, besides 9. villages.

From *Collen* the 23 day, we hould for certaine that the fort of *Papenmuss* or Priests cap shalbe besieged this night, seeing that yesterday many souldiers vpwards cōming from *Dusseldorp* and at *Lul/dorp* were certaine hundred arriued alreadie, & besides other preparations; there is sent a small man of warre to cōtinue at *Lul/dorp*. And we haue vnderstood afterwards by the Country people, that the Batteries are made ready and the ordinance planted against the Fort.

From *Emmerich*, His *Excellencie* hath commanded a bridge to be casted ouer the riuer *Wilde*, & the ordinance and munition to be landed, whereof some was conueyed away by waggons so that by all likelyhoode it seemeth that he will attempt something either against *Groll* or *Oldenfeel*.

From *Algiers* we vnderstād that the plague there as likewise at *Thunis*, in such a manner continued that there died about 500. a day.

The Corne is grown now better cheape in Italy.

The *Offendeners* are almost all beset in diuers parts by the men of warre of the States.

Counte *Henry of the Berghe* is marcht vp towards the riuer of the *Mase* with some 5. or 6000. men: hauing yet left many at *Wesel* and *Berck*. The Prince of *Orange* was yet at *Emeric* where hee hauing gotten great store of waggons, gaue charge the ordinance and munition to be carried awaie according to his direction, whereby it is easelie to be gesfed that he hath some enterprife in hand.

Those of *Lotbaringia* stand in great feare of *Mansfield*, seeing he will take his passage through the Countrie; and haue written vn-to *Spignola* for aide, and that without the same they shalbe compelled to suffer him in their Territorie.

From *Lipsich* they write, that the the 6. of Iuly the Ladie of the Elector of *Saxony* is brought to bedde of a young Sonne, that there are now 5. Dukes aliue of his line. The Godfathers are the Duke of *Mechelburg*, the Duke *Lunenbourg* of *Zel*, two Dukes of *Gomeran*, and the Ladys mother is the young Dukes Godmother.

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The enemies fortifie daily their campe before *Berghen op Zoom*, & hauing made their Quarters and intrenched themselues, they goe now to make batteries, and seeke to approach neerer the Cittie by trenches, but the garrison playes brauelie with the ordinance vpon them, which being most made of sand, are many times spoyled and shot downe by the ordinance of the Cittie and manie of his souldiers shot to death; so that they beginne to perceiue that this will be an other Ostende and that they shalbe put to it very hardlie and dangerously, besides all prouision and prouande is amongst them a great deale deerer then it is in the Citty, seeing they must get it by land, which causeth diuers to runne away. Within the Cittie and the outwarkes is great store of good souldiers and braue Commanders, as likewise Ingeners, Miners, and Pioniers; besides all other things necessarie for their maintenance and defence. And all the forts in the Land of *Tersolen* be likewise well prouided.

Wee vnderstand that the enemy hath sent some more Artillerie, ammonition, & other

other prouision accompanied with a strong conuay, being forced to doe this continually if he will continue the siege; these of the city goe sometimes abroad to trie their fortunes, & tooke this weeke certaine cartes with prouision, besides diuers horse and prisoners.

It is reported for certaine that the *Marquis Spigolon* is arriued at *Antwerpe*, intending his iourney very speedely towards his campe before *Bergben vp Zoom*.

Those of *Breda* haue lately taken away al the brewe kettles that were in the Villages thereabout because the enemies should not vse them, and it is reported that they must pay in their campe 8. stuyuers for a kanne of beere.

Those of *Groll* haue made an excursion this weeke, vnto *Deuenter*, and tooke diuers cattell from thence with them.

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